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BOSTON---The Ciba-Geigy Corporation will undertake a three-year, multi-million study of hazardous waste contamination at its former chemical manufacturing facility in Cranston, Rhode Island under a consent order entered into with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The study will involve testing groundwater and soil on-site, soil off-site and sediment from the Pawtuxet River.

Ciba-Geigy will submit a draft work plan for the study to EPA in September 1989.

The Cranston facility, which closed in 1986, generated hazardous wastes such as corrosives, flammables, organic solvents, waste oils containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and chlorinated organics. The wastes were stored on-site and disposed of off-site. The study will determine the nature and extent of contamination and will be used to recommend cleanup options if necessary.

The order was issued under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

EPA held a public meeting on April 6, 1989 to explain and receive comments on the draft order. Comments and concerns from local officials and Save the Bay, an environmental organization, were incorporated in the final order announced today.

Copies of the consent order are available for public review at the Cranston Public Library, the Mayor's Office in Cranston and the Department of Environmental Management Office in Providence.

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